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had, thus far, a pretty hard battle to fight, Bro P.; but in my opinion you have acquitted yourself well. Success to you, I say, with all my heart. Our paper is now removed to Chautauk, where it is to be published weekly. There has been more delay in getting a going than we anticipated. The first number I hope however will be out tomorrow. Bro Godding takes charge for a little while, until our permanent editor is secured. We now expect that Mr H. M. May of Bloomfield, will be our editor. I have many things to say, but as I hope to see you soon, I defer them for the present,

Yours truly
Wm. Smyth

P.S. I should be glad to subscribe for the Abolitionist for a year. Can you without inconvenience put my name on the list? I will pay for it when I come up to the convention. W.S.

[In answer to a request to append my name to the call.
I was in some perplexity as to the best course to pursue.
I finally concluded, however, to give my name, pro-
vided that the call did not "invite or sanction"
~~female~~ membership. I stated to Mrs. Phillips that
I considered the course pursued by the last con-
vention, as a violation of the general understand-
ing of the call, and of mischievous tendency,
and should the same course be again repeated I
should consider myself as excluded from any
participation in the doings of the convention. I
have been somewhat dubious, to me whether they
will use my name. If they do, they will decide
that women ~~do~~ have not, under the rule that
they issue, any right to claim seats as members.]
I am exceedingly desirous to go to the N. Y. meet-
ing, but I am tied here, hand and foot and
it is absolutely impossible. [I hope however to be
up at the N. E. Convention. Bro. Adams I think
will go. I am doing all that I can to get
out a good delegation, and I trust that we
shall be well represented from mass. Abol-
itionists here will go right on all other subjects.
Garrison's influence here is now nothing. I
sent you the other day, our Annual Report,
which I believe will be found sufficiently ex-
ploratory on the political question. You have

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Brother Phelps,

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Your favor of the 9th inst, and your joint letter with Mr Scott of the 20th instant, have been duly received. I have been looking, — with intense interest, upon the controversy now going on in Massachusetts, and have been wishing for a long time to write you on the subject, but I have been so hard pressed with multifarious labor as not to find the time. I regard exceedingly at the stand you have taken, and I regard your speech as vitally important to the very existence of the present N. S. movement. Mr Garrison has, during this affair, thus far, manifested a degree of selfishness, partisanship, and love of domination absolutely disgraceful to him. And I do most sincerely hope that he will now mean a stroke, that will either subdue him, or break down his influence for evil upon the prosperity of the cause. It is time that the cause should be separated from the abominable isms, that he is striving to hold on to it, and I hope that the thing will now be done thoroughly. In regard to the New England Convention, I wrote to Mr Phillips, [the day before yours of the 9th arrived]